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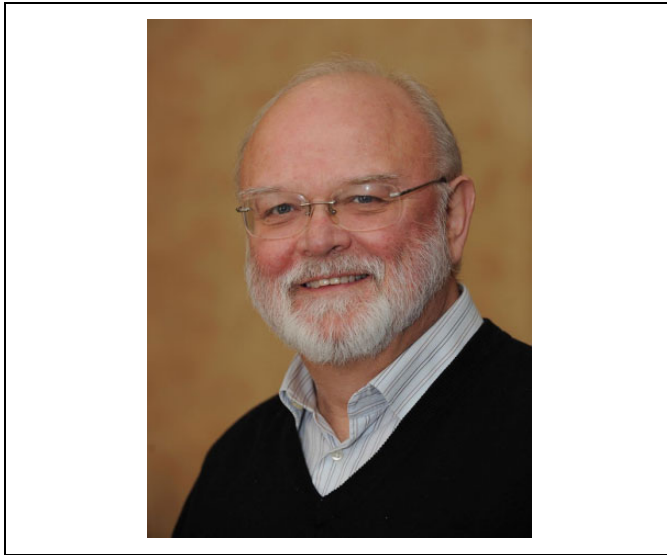
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Peter Fahrenkrug, DrMedVet, DrMedDent, Dipl. EVDC, 13 June 1952 – 30 August 2019.

Peter Fahrenkrug was born in Buxtehude, Germany. His father was a veterinarian and his mother a nurse. He initially studied law, and then switched to veterinary medicine, graduating as a veterinarian in 1977 from the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover. He added a doctoral thesis degree in epidemiology of animal dentistry in 1978.

He then attended dental school in Marburg and Hamburg, and graduated as a human dentist in 1982.

He worked initially as a veterinarian, and then opened a human dental practice near Hamburg in 1985. While working in his human dental practice, his intense interest in veterinary dentistry led him to lecture frequently on this subject.

In 1994, he sold his human dental practice to work full time in veterinary dentistry as a clinician, lecturer and consultant, as well as developer and importer of veterinary dental equipment, working with several companies.

He was appointed as a part-time lecturer in veterinary dentistry at the Universities of Berlin, Giessen and Hannover. His work at these universities resulted in his supervising several important doctoral theses on veterinary dental topics.

He was active in professional organizations in veterinary medicine, including serving as President of the European Veterinary Dental Society, and as the International Representative of the German Small Animal Veterinary Association for many years.

He was fluent in German, English, French and Spanish, which resulted him presenting veterinary dental continuing education programs in many countries. By his own count, over a 31-year period he presented nearly 900 lectures and 700 practical sessions in 39 countries worldwide. For thousands of veterinarians he epitomized their introduction to veterinary dentistry, other than what they had received during their veterinary training.

He published more than 50 papers in domestic and international journals, several chapters in veterinary dental textbooks, and co-authored with Tony Shipp one of the first veterinary dental textbooks.

He was a pioneer in developing recognition of advanced training in veterinary dentistry (small animal and equine) in Germany, and was a member of the Organizing Committee and a Founding Diplomate of the European Veterinary Dental College, and was an active member of several EVDC committees.

He was an avid collector of watches and clocks, dental and veterinary dental books, and old equine dental equipment, among other things. He was an epicurean, as many veterinary dentists who had the privilege of enjoying his home hospitality can attest to. He will always be remembered by the many whose professional lives he crossed and missed by those who got to know him a little better.

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